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For	: LIGHT-COLLECTING DEVICE AND SOLID-STATE IMAGING APPARATUS	

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir :

In response to the Office Action of May 8, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 10, 2009 (August 8, 2009 falling on a Saturday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action in view of the following amendments, remarks, and Replacement Figures.

Replacement Sheets for Figures 1-4 are attached following page 13 of this paper and are described beginning at page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a **Listing of the Claims** beginning on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 8.

An **Appendix** including four sheets of replacement drawings are attached following page 13 of this paper.